

17 December 1975

Mr. George F. Cahill
Executive Director
National Flag Foundation
Flag Plaza
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Dear Mr. Cahill:

It is difficult for me to tell you how deeply impressed I was by my visit to Flag Plaza and how grateful I am for that magnificent framed Flag Chart you so kindly gave me. It is hanging proudly in my office for all my visitors, American and foreign, to see.

I am enclosing Sun Tzu's maxims on how to undo ones enemies, and I enclose also a statement for publication in THE STANDARD.

You have my promise that the next time I go to Pittsburgh I will certainly set aside the time to call on Mrs. Lehman and tell her as an American how grateful I am for what she and her husband have done to keep burning brightly the flame of love of our country in the hearts of young Americans.

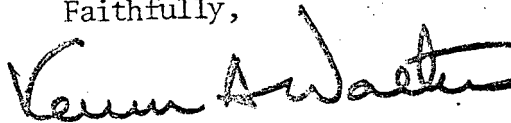
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On my next trip to Germany I will see what I can do about the trumpets record.

With every good wish to you and yours for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Faithfully,



Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

S T A T E M E N T

My visit to Flag Plaza will always remain with me as a deeply moving experience. It is a real expression of the feeling many of us have for America and yet find difficult to express.

The flags, the building, the magnificent mural by Milton Caniff, convey the enthusiasm and dedication of all those who have gone before us and who have done so much to make us great and free, and beyond that -- a Beacon of Hope for All Mankind.

To those who made Flag Plaza possible, and to those who tend it with loving care in these difficult times, we all owe a debt of gratitude.

A poet once said,

"It is not difficult in good times to carry the Flag forward before the proud ranks.

"Only when the storm blows and the Flag is in tatters do the weak and empty fall by the roadside.

"The true and the loyal show themselves as such."

Too few of our young people are exposed to the experience I felt at Flag Plaza.

Thank you.

Walter A. Wachs
Lieutenant General
United States Army